

Federal Management Regulation

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TSP's bills previously paid by the agency and similar type of refunds.

ability of payment (mainly bankruptcy or fraud).

Subpart F—Claims and Appeal Procedures

§ 102-118.455 What is the time limit for a TSP to file a transportation claim against my agency?

GENERAL AGENCY INFORMATION FOR ALL CLAIMS

The time limits on a TSP transportation claim against the Government differ by mode as shown in the following table:

§ 102-118.450 Can a TSP file a transportation claim against my agency?

TIME LIMITS ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY TSP

Yes, a TSP may file a transportation claim against your agency under 31 U.S.C. 3726 for:

Mode	Freight charges	Statute
(a) Air Domestic	6 years	28 U.S.C. 2401, 2501.
(b) Air International	6 years	28 U.S.C. 2401, 2501.
(c) Freight Forwarders (subject to the IC Act).	3 years	49 U.S.C. 14705(f).
(d) Motor	3 years	49 U.S.C. 14705(f).
(e) Rail	3 years	49 U.S.C. 14705(f).
(f) Water (subject to the IC Act).	3 years	49 U.S.C. 14705(f).
(g) Water (not subject to the IC Act).	2 years	46 U.S.C. 745.
(h) TSPs exempt from regulation.	6 years	28 U.S.C. 2401, 2501.

(a) Amounts owed but not included in the original billing;

(b) Amounts deducted or set off by an agency that are disputed by the TSP;

(c) Requests by a TSP for amounts previously refunded in error by that TSP; and/or

(d) Unpaid original bills requiring direct settlement by GSA, including those subject to doubt about the suit-

§ 102-118.460 What is the time limit for my agency to file a court claim with a TSP for freight charges, reparations, and loss or damage to the property?

Statutory time limits vary depending on the mode and the service involved and may involve freight charges. The following tables list the time limits:

(A) TIME LIMITS ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGAINST TSPs

Mode	Freight charges	Reparations	Loss and damage
(1) Rail	3 years 49 U.S.C. 11705	3 years 49 U.S.C. 11705	6 years. 28 U.S.C. 2415.
(2) Motor	3 years 49 U.S.C. 14705(f)	3 years 49 U.S.C. 14705(f)	6 years. 28 U.S.C. 2415.
(3) Freight Forwarders subject to the IC Act.	3 years 49 U.S.C. 14705(f)	3 years 49 U.S.C. 14705(f)	6 years. 28 U.S.C. 2415.
(4) Water (subject to the IC Act).	3 years 49 U.S.C. 14705(f)	3 years 49 U.S.C. 14705(f)	6 years. 28 U.S.C. 2415.
(5) Water (not subject to the IC Act).	6 years 28 U.S.C. 2415	2 years 46 U.S.C. 821 ..	1 year. 46 U.S.C. 1303(6) (if subject to Carriage of Goods by Sear Act, 46 U.S.C. 1300-1315).
(6) Domestic Air	6 years 28 U.S.C. 2415	6 years. 28 U.S.C. 2415.

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(A) TIME LIMITS ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGAINST TSPs—Continued

Mode	Freight charges	Reparations	Loss and damage
(7) International Air	6 years 28 U.S.C. 2415	2 years. 49 U.S.C. 40105.

(B) TIME LIMITS ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGAINST TSPs EXEMPT FROM REGULATION

Mode	Freight	Reparations	Loss and damage
(1) All	6 years 28 U.S.C. 2415	6 years. 28 U.S.C. 2415.

§ 102–118.465 Must my agency pay interest on a disputed amount claimed by a TSP?

No, interest penalties under the Prompt Payment Act, (31 U.S.C. 3901, *et seq.*), are not required when payment is delayed because of a dispute between an agency and a TSP.

§ 102–118.470 Are there statutory time limits for a TSP on filing an administrative claim with the GSA Audit Division?

Yes, an administrative claim must be received by the GSA Audit Division or its designee (the agency where the claim arose) within 3 years beginning the day after the latest of the following dates (except in time of war):

- (a) Accrual of the cause of action;
- (b) Payment of charges for the transportation involved;
- (c) Subsequent refund for overpayment of those charges; or
- (d) Deductions made to a TSP claim by the Government under 31 U.S.C. 3726.

§ 102–118.475 Does interest apply after certification of payment of claims?

Yes, interest under the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3901, *et seq.*) begins 30 days after certification for payment by GSA.

§ 102–118.480 How does my agency settle disputes with a TSP?

As a part of the prepayment audit program, your agency must have a plan to resolve disputes with a TSP. This program must allow a TSP to appeal payment decisions made by your agency.

§ 102–118.485 Is there a time limit for my agency to issue a decision on disputed claims?

Yes, your agency must issue a ruling on a disputed claim within 30 days of receipt of the claim.

§ 102–118.490 What if my agency fails to settle a dispute within 30 days?

- (a) If your agency fails to settle a dispute within 30 days, the TSP may appeal to:

General Services Administration
Federal Supply Service
Audit Division (FBA)
Code: CC 1800 F Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20405
www.gsa.gov/transaudits

- (b) If the TSP disagrees with the administrative settlement by the Audit Division, the TSP may appeal to the General Services Board of Contract Appeals.

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§ 102–118.495 May my agency appeal a decision by the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA)?

No, your agency may not appeal a decision made by the CBCA.

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§ 102–118.500 How does my agency handle a voluntary refund submitted by a TSP?

- (a) An agency must report all voluntary refunds to the GSA Audit Division (so that no Notice of Overcharge or financial offset occurs), unless other arrangements are made (e.g., charge